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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director, Intelligence Community Staff

SUBJECT:

Draft Target Capability Assessment

I appreciated an opportunity to review the draft Target Capability Assessment forwarded under cover of your memorandum of October 21, but regret that we have not had the paper long enough to permit a close examination.

On the basis of a quick review, we do have the following comments for your use in putting the document in final form for NFIC.

In general, the paper does a good job of describing current capabilities and shortfalls. The analyses of the impact of 4 percent and 8 percent reductions are uneven, however, and in many cases do not provide the reader with adequate substantive bases for judging whether the impacts would be serious or not (e.g., Soviet non-military subjects, Western Europe in general). For the most part, the sections on SIGINT give a clearer picture of the consequences of reductions than do the sections on production and HUMINT.

I was surprised to see virtually no reference to the State Department in the discussions of production. The focus seemed to be primarily on CIA and DIA. In one area (South Asia), where INR has had a significant analytic effort, the reader is led to believe that only CIA and DIA are responsible for the production of intelligence. I am not sure how best to correct the paper at this late date, but suggest that appropriate members of your staff do what they can, in consultation with INR, prior to the NFIC meeting.

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We also suggest that a summary of the paper be prepared which will highlight for NFIC members the major aspects of our capabilities and shortfalls, and provide substantive grounds for assessing the overall impact of reductions below the DCI's guidance level. Both an overview and a target-by-target summary are probably necessary for a paper of this complexity. If there were any possibility of graphic depiction, it would be even better.

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